Memorandum of Central Jail Staff, Tihar

3554. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a communication dated the 29th March, 1986 along with a memorandum from Central Jail Staff, Tinar, Delhi, from an Hon'ble Member of Lok Sabha containing allegation of high-handedness of officers against the members of the Jail staff in connection with Charles Sobhraj's escape from Jail;

(b) whether the said complaint included the victimisation of the staff who are innocent; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government on the said representation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Allegations to this effect were there.

(c) A high level inquiry was conducted to inquire into the circumstances leading to the escape of 7 criminals including Charles Shobraj from the Tihar Jail and to fix the responsibility, if any, on the jail officials. The inquiry report pin-pointed the lapses on the part of 11 jail officials including two T.S.P. Constables. Action was initiated against all the 11 officials. In view of the above, allegations made in the memorandum were not found justified.

Resolution of Federation of UT Employees and Workers, Chandigarh

3555. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a communication dated 11th July, 1988 along with a resolution from Federation of UT Employees and Workers, Chandigarh passed in a convention held at Chandigarh on 6th July, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the demands listed in the said resolution; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to settle the demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Federation had raised various demands like removal of anomalies which had cropped up while extending the revised pay scales based on the 4th Pay Commission's recommendations, upgradation of Chandigarh as B-2 class city, regularisation of muster roll employees etc.

(c) As regards removal of anomalies on the revised pay scales extended to the Chandigarh Administration employees, the Chandigarh Administration has already constituted an Anomalies Committee to consider the matter on the direction of the Government of India.

Since the population of Chandigarh Urban Agglomeration was over four lakhs on the basis of 1981 Census figures, Chandigarh Urban Agglomeration has been accordingly classified as a B-2 city for Compensatory (City) Allowance. However, the population of Chandigarh (Estate Office Area) was less than four lakh, therefore, for the purpose of House Rent Allowance, Chandigarh could not qualify for classification as B-2 city.

The Chandigarh Administration has also been advised to do the needful in respect of other matters raised by the Federation.